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Negro Isn't a Negro If He's From Africa

A Negro is not a Negro in the eyes of Washington's public school system unless he is born of American parents.

In the annual tally of enrollment by race, Negro Americans are classified as "Negroes." But Negro children of African parents — many of them diplomats stationed in Washington — are classified as "White."

The small number of Chinese children enrolled in the public schools also are in the "white" category.

Board of Education member Benjamin H. Alexander commented, "That's great! Our racial problems are solved." If African Negroes are racially white and about 90 per cent of Negro Americans are of African descent, he said, Washington's schools are overwhelmingly white, rather than overwhelmingly Negro."